



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2007 – 4:00p.m. (CST)

Meeting Location: Starke County Circuit Courthouse, Knox, IN

Council Members Present: Linda Gray, Judge Mary Harper, Larry Harris, Sharon Mathew, Judge Michael Shurn, Melissa Johnson, and Dr. Linda Rugg (by telephone conferencing)

Council Members Absent: Terrance Ciboch, Claudia Clark, Judge Jeryl Leach

Others In Attendance: Ron Fisher, Louella Richey, Jim Burns, (Family Focus), Ed Hupp, Jill Whitaker, (Dunebrook), Jackie Agee, (White's Family Services), Jim Shively

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Reba James, Regional Manager for Region #2 at 4:00 p.m. C.S.T.

1. It was noted that 7 Council members were present when the meeting was called to order, enough to constitute a quorum.

2. August 1st minutes reviewed. There were no additions, no corrections. Judge Mary Harper made a motion to accept the August minutes, and this was seconded by Larry Harris. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, minutes passed.

3. Tracy Hopkins, Program Director – Department of Child Services from Central Office, attended the meeting and was introduced to the Council. Tracy presented to the Council a power point presentation on Practice Reform. Presentation and discussion followed.

4. Community Partners – A handout was presented to the RSC, Community Partners for Child Safety Service Standard. A discussion was held about a Governance Board VS. AdHoc Committee. Larry Harris made a motion that we continue using the ADHoc Committee to advise and supervise until such time that the Governance Board is set-up and that should be no longer than three (3) months. Sharon Mathew seconded that motion. Vote taken 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

5. Member Comments – A discussion was held on membership, time limit of service for voting members according to protocol. Judges, Director's and members need to discuss amongst themselves if changes should be made or if they wish to

leave things as they are now. Others should contact the Regional Director and decide if they wish to step down allowing other interested parties to join the Council.

6. Time/location/frequency of future meetings - Discussion was held about the RSC scheduling of future meetings. A motion was made by Larry Harris that we change our regularly scheduled RSC meetings to ***every other month at 5:30p.m. (CST)*** and continue to meet at the same place, Starke County Circuit Courthouse. Judge Michael Shurn seconded. Vote taken 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

7. Larry Harris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05p.m. (CST) and it was seconded by Sharon Mathew. Motion passed by acclamation.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 7th, 2007 at the Starke County Circuit Courthouse at 5:30p.m. (CST).